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(*d*) what has been the total rainfall in the Periyar drainage area for each of the stations having rain gauge during the irrigation season last year, and what was the minimum rainfall for the same area and stations ever previously recorded;

(*e*) whether any modifications in the existing rules and regulations regarding the water-level, or supply of Periyar water are contemplated;

(*f*) what is the highest level of water that should be maintained according to the existing rules and whether there is any proposal to reduce that full water-level and if so, for what purposes and for what reasons; and

(*g*) whether Government propose to consult the concerned Periyar ryots before modifying or amending the full water-level to be maintained in the Periyar lake?

A.—The question has been referred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), who has called for a report from the Superintending Engineer.

Civil Justice

Transfer of the Sarishtadars of District Courts.

*840 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. Premayya: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of High Court's Circular Dis. No. 621 of 1919 dated 18th March 1919;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to reduce the period of five years mentioned therein to three years as in the case of gazetted officers; and

(*c*) whether Government will instruct the Head of the Judicial Department to transfer the Sarishtadars of District Courts automatically after the end of every three years without any special report from the District Judge?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(*c*) Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, the transfer of Sarishtadars is a matter within the discretion of the High Court.

Extension of the Civil Judicial Test qualification to ministerial officers of the District Courts.

*841 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. Premayya: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to ascertain and state—

(*a*) whether there is a rule that the head clerks of the District Munsifs' Courts and Sub-Courts in the grade 60—4—80 should have passed the Civil Judicial Test examination;

(*b*) whether the deputy nazirs of the District Munsifs' Courts, copyists, superintendents, record-keepers and second clerks of the District Courts in the grade 60—4—80 need not possess such a qualification;

(*c*) whether the clerks in the Judicial Department in the Presidency have sent in memorials recently to the High Court requesting them to extend the Civil Judicial Test qualification to the posts mentioned in clause (*b*);